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BY THOMAS NASH. Rich men, trust not in wealth; Gold cannot buy you health; Physic huns if not made; All things to end are made; The plague fall with good by.

John Clare, known as the 'Mad Poet,' who published his poems at London, in 1825, met with such neglect that reason deserted him. His insanity, however, was of a mild and tranquil character, and his memory so retentive that he absolutely assimilated everything he had once heard or read.

A Pennsylvania lawyer, named Millman, excited great attention a few years ago by the publication of his literary essays, descriptive of scenery, etc., and written in the lucid intervals of an insanity from which he was never free more than a few hours together.

What Has Become of the Gold Watches? A city contemporary thus discloses the singular disappearance of gold watches throughout the country since Government has levied a tax upon them.

Insanity—Notable Cases from History. Insanity is as old as literature, and how much older we know not. A recent French writer has devoted a book to demonstrate that the demon of Socrates was nothing else than a state of ecstasy and excitement, which, when come over the philosopher now and then, and according to him an ecstatic monitor and guide.

Even the rugged Luther, when he threw his inkstand on the ground, and with a scolding, passing lunacy upon him. Among philosophers Kant is the most eminent name known to have been overtaken by madness. This occurred in his later years, and there has lately been discovered in Germany a manuscript volume which he composed during that period.

Leland, the celebrated English antiquary, was an enthusiast, who exhausted the finer faculties of his mind in prodigious notarial labors, until he was seized, at the age of forty, with frenzy, and a penetrating intellect became a melancholy man.

Nathaniel Lee, a dramatist of the seventeenth century, whose compositions are praised by Addison, and who is now remembered only by the mottoes of his "Alexander the Great." "When Greeks joined Greeks then was the tug of war" was so extravagant a madman that he had to be incarcerated in Bedlam at the age of thirty. One evening while composing a drama in his cell, a cloud, passing across the moon, by whose light he wrote, the insane author suddenly cried out, "Joy, snuff the moon!"

Christopher Smart, the able translator of Horace, who won brilliant honors at Cambridge, was soon after attacked by insanity, and shut up in a lunatic asylum, in 1754. Here, although deprived of pen, ink, and paper, he composed a poem of a hundred stanzas, in honor of King David, which he wrote with a key on the walls of his cell.

In 1828, a curious work on "The Anatomy of Language" appeared at Florence. Its object was to prove that apes possessed the power of speech, but carefully concealing the gift from the human race. The work was written by one Joseph Bernard, while an inmate of a lunatic asylum. He asserted that in the early editions of Marco Polo it had been well established that apes had the faculty of singing, and of speech.

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